



Bangladesh Cricket Board president AHM Mustafa Kamal (R) shakes hands with the cricketers before the start of the Premier Division Twenty20 League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Sania reaches Japan Open quarters

AFP, Osaka

India's Sania Mirza became the first player to reach the quarterfinals of the Japan Open Wednesday, beating Viktoriya Kutuzova of Ukraine in straight sets.

The 22-year-old Mirza, who won the Australian Open mixed doubles with Mahesh Bhupathi this season, took advantage of a rash of double faults from Kutuzova on her way to a 6-4, 6-3 win.

In the last eight on Friday, Mirza will play the 2006 champion, Marion Bartoli of France, seeded second.

Bartoli, battling for the final spot in the season-ending championships, thumped Japanese wild card Kurumi Nara 6-1, 6-1 in just 61 minutes.

In other second-round action, fourth seed Francesca Schiavone of Italy had an unconvincing 6-3, 0-6, 6-3 win over Chan Yung-jan of Taiwan.

Seventh seed Melinda Czink of Hungary hit seven aces and seven double faults in beating Vania King of the United States 6-4, 6-2.

Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark, the top seed and runner-up at the US Open, was due to play Katie O'Brien of Britain on Thursday.

It's an Indian

Jamshed Dasti, had alleged that Pakistan had 'deliberately' lost the matches against Australia and New Zealand in the elite eight-nation tournament.

Dasti, however, later retracted, saying he was misunderstood.

Younus

FROM PAGE 17 resignation," said Younus. Younus replaced Shoaib Malik after Pakistan's upset 2-1 defeat against Sri Lanka at home in January.

Although Pakistan lost a one-day series against Australia in United Arab Emirates in April-May, a month later they went on to win the World Twenty20 in England -- a victory which sent the cricket-mad nation into a frenzy.

Pakistan then lost a Test and one-day series in Sri Lanka despite playing well in July-August.

It was on the Sri Lanka tour that the first match-fixing allegations surfaced, after the Pakistan team management revealed some bookies tried to make contact with Pakistani players, but were turned down.

Pakistan's defeats from winning positions in the first two Tests prompted former players to call for an inquiry, but the International Cricket Council cleared the team of any wrongdoing.

Did U Know?

Argentine Juan Manuel Fangio is the oldest racer in the history of F1 racing to have won the championship. He was 46 years old when he won in the year 1957.

Safin's parting shots

Tennis

INTERNET, undated

Marat Safin bid farewell to his adoring Chinese fans after defeat at the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday but not before taking a swipe at his opponent Tomas Berdych and American Andy Roddick.

The big Russian, who is retiring after next month's Paris Masters, suggested Berdych had feigned injury during his 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 win and said the Czech needed to "grow up."

Then he rounded on Roddick and other players who have complained about the length of the season, saying he had suggested it should be made shorter in 2004 but had been shouted down.

The 29-year-old refused to shake Berdych's hand after the match because his opponent called on the trainer to treat his knee in their second-round contest.

"Just come on; just grow up a little bit; 26 years old; just deal with that," he said. "If you're losing, just be a man; be a man and lose as a man."

"Don't pretend that you are injured and then you start running around and start to hit winners

and then all of a sudden you pull the hands up in the air after winning the match?"

"So then of course the guy will say: 'No, I've been injured but then I felt a little bit better'."

"Of course he will find 10,000 excuses. Still, it's not enough. You're playing or you're not playing. If you're playing, so just shut...up and play."

Monday, Roddick called on the ATP to reduce the length of the men's season or risk shortening the careers of top players such as Roger Federer and Andy Murray.

"In 2004 we had this discussion in Olympic Games with Roddick about it and they were blaming me that I'm playing too much," said former world number one Safin.

"And I was saying that the season is too long. We should make it shorter. And the guys, they jumped on me, like I was the one who was wrong."

"So look at all of them -- everybody is falling apart. Everybody is getting injured left and right, and everybody is complaining the season is long. It takes six years to realise that something is wrong?"

"They just have to deal with that, not when they are 21 and ambitious and want to make money. They have to think a little bit with their brains and to make the career a little bit longer."

Zim go two-nil up

Cricket

AFP, Harare

Leg-spinner Graeme Cremer claimed career-best figures of 6-46 to guide Zimbabwe to a dominant 86-run win over Kenya in the second one-day international here on Tuesday.

Zimbabwe won the toss and elected to bat at the Harare Sports Club, Hamilton Masakadza following up his 156 in Monday's first ODI with a well-struck 66 and Stuart Matsikenyeri hitting a run-a-ball 71 for the tail.

Cremer also enjoyed a cameo batting role, hitting 31 off 19 balls for an eight-wicket stand of 65 that saw the home side through to 264 runs off their allotted 50 overs.

The pick of the Kenya attack was the slow left-arm Hiran Varaiya, who claimed 3-38 in his 10 overs.

David Obuya hit a quickfire 49 for Kenya in response but Cremer struck and decimated the middle order, off-spinning captain Prosper Utseya also

claiming 3-29 with fellow spinner Ray Price nabbing the other Kenyan wicket.

The teams play again on Thursday with Zimbabwe in pole position at 2-0 up in the five-match series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Zimbabwe and Kenya in Harare on Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE Masakadza lbw b Varaiya 66 Vermeulen c Patel b Odhiambo 32 Coventry b Tikolo 9 Taylor c Obanda b Varaiya 6 Williams c and b Odhiambo 33 Matsikenyeri not out 71 Chigumbura b Varaiya 7 Utseya c and b Tikolo 7 Cremer not out 31 Extras: (w-5) 5 Total: (For 7 wts in 50 overs) 263

Did not bat: Price, Jarvis Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-96, 3-109, 4-123, 5-170, 6-179, 7-198

Bowler O M R W Ongondo 10 1 56 0 Onyango 6 1 32 0 Odhiambo 8 0 61 2 Otieno 2 0 20 0 Tikolo 10 0 38 2

Varaiya 10 0 38 3 Patel 4 0 18 0

KENYA

Obuya c Chigumbura b Cremer 49 Patel c Coventry b Utseya 17 Obanda c Taylor b Utseya 6 Tikolo c Utseya b Cremer 19 Ouma lbw b Cremer 31 Obuya c Matsikenyeri b Cremer 23 Onyango st Taylor b Cremer 17 Odhiambo lbw b Price 1 Ongondo st Taylor b Utseya 1 Otieno b Cremer 0 Varaiya not out 2 Extras: (lb-1, w-9, nb-1) 11 Total: (All out in 44.5 overs) 177

Fall of wickets: 1-57, 2-78, 3-83, 4-115, 5-148, 6-161, 7-163, 8-174, 9-174

Bowler O M R W Chigumbura 5 0 25 0 Jarvis 6 0 25 0 Price 9 1 26 1 Utseya 7.5 1 29 3 Masakadza 4 0 15 0 Cremer 10 0 46 6 Williams 3 0 10 0

Result: Zimbabwe won by 86 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Graeme Cremer. Toss: Zimbabwe. Umpires: K Barbour and Nadir Shah.

Sky Blues scrape

FROM PAGE 17 champions, Abahani, came close to taking a lead with Ghanaian duo Awudu Ibrahim and Sherif playing a cute one-two to advance into the danger zone. But, Sheikh Russel's Ghanaian defender Abbas Inusah quickly rushed into the box to clear for a corner in the 12th minute.

Sheikh Russel built most of their attack from the right side with Mobarak Hossain frequently beating Abahani's national back Mishu and the winger whipped in a nice cross for Abdullah Parvez, whose one-bounce shot went wide causing no damage to his former outfit.

Abahani striker Mohammad Robin should have availed a Prantosh pass inside the box, but the former Mohammedan striker took time to make space on his favourite right foot, but could hardly take the shot properly, hitting it straight to goal-keeper Mazharul Islam Himel on the half-hour mark.

However, Abahani went ahead three minutes later when Ujjal picked up the ball in midfield, advanced into the danger zone and smashed a shot that found the back of the Sheikh Russel net with a deflection off Russel's defender Kamal Hossain.

After resumption, Sheikh Russel looked more energetic and kept their mighty opponents at bay throughout the second half as the Abahani midfielders could hardly resist the Sheikh Russel men, who, however, saw Rajanai and Samad foil all their efforts. But with the crowd leaving the stadium in anticipation of an Abahani win, Sheikh Russel stunned all to equalise the margin two minutes into the injury time of the second half. Winger Mobarak Hossain availed a fumble of defender Samad set Rony at the edge of the eight-yard zone and the striker made no mistake to fire home and take the game into the shoot-out.

TEAMS

ABAHANI: Biplob, Siraji, Samad, Rajani, Mishu, Ujjal (Motiur Munna), Prantosh Kumar, Shahedul Alam (Enamul Haq), Robin (Zahed Parvez Chowdhury), Sherif and Ibrahim.

SHEIKH RUSSEL: Mazharul Islam Himel, Aminul Islam, Zahurul Islam, Kamal Hossain, Abass, Abdullah Parvez, Maruf, Aminul Islam Ripon (Rajon Mia). Referee: Abdul Hannan Miron Yellow cards: Shahedul, Ibrahim (Abahani), Maruf (Sheikh Russel)

Vettori mulls

FROM PAGE 17 will only increase but maybe it's the right thing to do and maybe it's the opportunity for me to step up and actually fulfill that role."

Brendon McCullum has typically been used at No. 7, but New Zealand's relatively inexperienced batting line-up meant he became a more important middle-order man. Vettori has supported McCullum's desire to settle at No. 5 but that has not entirely worked out.

The other players who have an opportunity to fill the allrounder's role are James Franklin and Grant Elliott. Franklin, a left-arm swing bowler who has converted to an allrounder, has replaced Oram recently at home and in South Africa and appears the most likely candidate, but Vettori called for more consistency. "We all understand he (Franklin) has all the talent in the world and we just want him to get back to his best and be able to be a consistent performer for New Zealand because he could become one of our very good players," he said.

New Zealand will host Pakistan at home for a Test series next month. Before that they will play one-dayers and Twenty20 in the UAE, the squads for which will be named on Thursday.

Eagles through after thrilling eliminator

CRICINFO, undated



The eliminator came into play for the first time in the Champions League, Eagles and Sussex slugging it out during one super over each after being tied at the end of a dramatic regulation 40 overs. The tie-breaker lasted all of eight balls as Cornelius de Villiers bagged two Sussex wickets off his first two deliveries to hand Eagles a nine-run win.

It should have never got this close. The Eagles were cruising in their pursuit of 120, needing a mere 48 runs off 54 balls with all ten wickets intact to qualify for the second round, when their innings unraveled sensationally against an inspired performance from Sussex's slow bowlers. They were left needing 12 runs off the final over, and five off the last ball, when Ryan McLaren clubbed Yasir Arafat to the deep midwicket boundary to tie the match and bring the one-over eliminator into play. The Eagles managed only nine from the over but de Villiers, entrusted with the defence, uprooted the off stumps of Dwayne Smith and Rory Hamilton-Brown with the first two deliveries to secure a victory that should have been achieved without so much sweating.

For the major duration of the chase, while Riley Rossouw was compiling his attacking half-century, the Eagles were

favourites. However after the 13th over, when they needed 42 off 42 balls with nine wickets in hand, Morne van Wyk holed out to long-off and Sussex fielders perhaps sensed the beginning of a choke. The equation climbed to more than a run a ball as the slow bowlers consistently found the blockhole and the fielding lifted. In three overs since van Wyk's dismissal, Eagles managed only 16 and lost Boeta Dippenaar. The pressure started to build on Rossouw and, when on 65, he top edged a heave off Hamilton-Brown and was caught, leaving Eagles 14 to get off eight balls.

Rossouw never took his pads off after returning to the dug out and watched as McLaren edged Arafat past the keeper to reduce the equation to five off two balls. Arafat followed it up with a fantastic yorker off the fifth but McLaren heaved the final ball for four to give Eagles a lifeline.

Such a tense finish was unimaginable when Rossouw was batting, on seemingly a different surface from the one that Sussex struggled on. He hit his second delivery, off Luke Wright, past square leg for four and then lofted over mid-off. Michael Yardy bowled different bowlers in each of the first four overs to try and mix things up but it didn't work.

Rossouw targeted the on side for the bulk of his runs. Against Smith's gentle medium pace, he cleared his front leg and smashed one over the bowler's head.

Against James Kirtley, he got down on his knee and swung over wide long-on, and gave Arafat the same treatment after chipping down the track. Prior to this game, he had a highest score of just 11 and Rossouw couldn't have picked a better occasion to score his maiden Twenty20 fifty.

He was lucky to be let off twice though. On 37, the wicketkeeper Andy Hodd failed to collect the ball after Rossouw was already a couple of yards down the pitch. And shortly after reaching his fifty, he survived a run out after being sent back. Sussex will look back at those two reprieves and wonder what could have been.

Sussex would have fancied their chances after making only 119, a defendable total on a typically slow and low pitch at the Kotla. A couple of hours ago, Wayamba had successfully defended 118. Their openers came out with a plan to get off to a blazing start before scoring became difficult against the slower bowlers. With the strong possibility of the old ball keeping low, the strategy was to chip down the track, get close to the pitch of the ball and muscle it over the infield.

BRIEF SCORES

Sussex 119 for 7 (Gatting 25; de Villiers 2-20, du Preez 2-23) tied with Eagles 119 for 4 (Rossouw 65; Chawla 2-17, Hamilton-Brown 2-15) Eagles win one-over eliminator by nine runs

YOUNUS RESIGNATION

MQM warns of protest

PTI, Karachi

Match-fixing allegations against Pakistan team followed by skipper Younus Khan's resignation has stirred even political quarters of the country as powerful Muttahida Qami Movement (MQM) on Wednesday warned of nationwide protest.

The MQM came out strongly in support of Younus, who led the national side to the Champions Trophy semifinal in South Africa, and said they would stage protest if Pakistan Cricket Board accept his resignation.

Younus had submitted his resignation to PCB chief Ijaz Butt yesterday during a hearing of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Sports in Islamabad that discussed the Pakistan team's performance in the eight-nation tournament.

Younus decided to step down protesting the statement made by the Standing Committee Chairman Jamshed Dasti, who had alleged that the team had deliberately under-performed against Australia and New Zealand in the ICC Champions Trophy.

MQM chief Altaf Hussain said in a statement, it is regrettable that some people had framed baseless charges against Younus to defame him which forced him to tender his resignation.

Hussain said that he will appeal to all the members of national team to resign in protest if PCB's governing body accepts the resignation and demanded the government to fire the "elements" present in governing body who had orchestrated the conspiracy against the captain.

Tamim gives

FROM PAGE 17 script an easy 83-run win for title-contenders Gazi Tank over Cricket Coaching School.

Alok, who defected to the rebel Indian Cricket League last year, took the lead after fellow defector Nazim Uddin blasted 60 off 28 balls while Mithun scored 55 off 27 balls to help their team post a massive 215 in their share of 20 overs.

Cricket Coaching School could manage only 132-8 in their chase.

Other title contenders, Biman comfortably flew past BKSP's paltry total of 407 in 19 overs losing only two wickets to script an easy win at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Stylish batsman Mehrab Hossain produced a match-winning performance for Biman with 62 runs off 49 deliveries.

Ali, Ram

FROM PAGE 17 7-6, 7-5 in a tough semifinal. In the girls singles, Ka Man Carin of Hong Kong beat India's Shambhavi Dixit 6-4, 6-2 while Moulika Ram of India beat Hong Kong's Bi Han Lily to set up a final showdown.

Both the boys and girls singles finals will be held today at 3:30 pm at the same venue. State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarkar will grace the closing ceremony as chief guest.

Peace deal in West Indies Aussies welcome it

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Cricket Australia on Wednesday welcomed a breakthrough in negotiations over a West Indies' player dispute, opening the possibility of a full-strength team to tour Australia next month.

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) and West Indies Players' Association (WIPA) said in a joint statement on Tuesday that nearly all the outstanding matters in their dispute over pay and contract issues had been settled.

Severely depleted West Indies team, missing stars such as captain Chris Gayle and Shivnarine Chanderpaul, was well beaten by Bangladesh in recent Test and one-day matches in the Caribbean last July.

There were fears a similarly understrength

touring team might also be headed for Australia, leading to lopsided matches.

The breakthrough in the impasse was welcomed by Cricket Australia (CA).

"We are seeking confirmation, but the early reports we are seeing reflect the encouraging private noises we have been hearing from West Indies cricket in recent weeks," CA chief executive James Sutherland said in a statement.

"Test cricket is about the best versus the best and we are looking forward to an exciting summer against the West Indies and also the talented Pakistan team."

Australia are scheduled to play three Tests against the West Indies in November and December, starting at the Gabba in Brisbane on November 26, as well as two Twenty20 games and five one-dayers in February.

Pakistan will also play Test and one-day series and a Twenty20 match against Australia.

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04	Procuring entity district	:	Gazipur.
05	Invitation for	:	Procurement of goods & works.
06	Invitation Ref. No.	:	DUET/P&D/OTM/2009-10/55 Date: 11-10-2009
07	Procurement method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
08	Budget and source of funds	:	G.O.B.
09	Tender package No.	:	G-02, G-03, W-02, W-03.
10	Tender publication date	:	15-10-2009
11	Tender last selling date	:	15-11-2009
12	Tender closing date and time	:	16-11-2009 at 12:00 noon.
13	Tender opening date and time	:	16-11-2009 at 03:00pm.
14	Name & addresses of the offices:	:	
15	Selling tender document	:	Accounts Section, DUET, Gazipur, Gazipur-1700.
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17	Pre-tender meeting	:	Place: Director (P&D) Office, DUET, Gazipur, Gazipur-1700 Date: 05-11-2009 Time: 03:00pm.
18	Eligibility of tenderer	:	Enlisted to any government, semi government, autonomous body or otherwise qualified.

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W-02	Construction of Shaheed Miner at DUET Campus.	DUET Campus	30,000.00	2 (two) months from the date of contract agreement	1,000.00
W-03	Construction of approach rigid road for KNI Hall and extension of Herring Bone Bond Road at North Side of the Auditorium at DUET Campus.	DUET Campus	15,000.00	2 (two) months from the date of contract agreement	700.00

19	Name of official inviting tender	:	Engr. Md Abdul Kadir.
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